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REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Orange,

INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1876.

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Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's report for the Year ending March 1st, 1876.

Tax bill for the year 1875,	$1,864 69
The Selectmen charge themselves as follows:—	
Received of Treasurer 1874,	$884 69
" " County,	13 01
" " Collector 1875,	1,323 05
Literary Fund,	39 56
Railroad tax,	35 41
Savings Bank tax,	9 87
Received of New Boston for James Tuttle,	36 75
" " Adoniram Ford, on note,	62 09
" " Nathaniel Whittier, 4th,	193 03
" " Collector 1871,	98 12
Interest on State Bonds,	120 00
	$2,915 58

Expenditures.

Paid State tax,	$240 00
County "	213 63
C. O. Barney, printing report,	12 00
E. C. Eastman, books & stationery,	4 45
Dr. Tucker, return of death,	25
H. G. Hadley, school house tax,	13 05
John P. Flanders, " " "	18 00
John H. French, " " "	6 95
Dist. No. 2, " " "	23 01

School Book for Hobart Children,	1 19
Sanborn & Barney, powder & fuse,	1 61
Barney Bros., " "	2 73
B. F. Terrill, for use of School house,	5 00
	$541 87

Work on Road.

Paid E. C. Eastman,	$4 50
Harvey Martin,	1 25
I. N. Hobart,	6 00
Dearborn Gray,	4 50
Geo. H. Smith,	6 00
J. C. Chapman,	5 50
Reuben Batchelder,	6 00
H. C. Kendall,	6 00
H. C. Kendall, plank, labor & fuse,	3 33
" " " " "	6 14
Dearborn Gray,	75
B. F. Terrill, bridge timber,	1 00
B. F. Andrew, " plank,	10 57
D. G. S. Davis, for drill,	2 20
John H. French,	23 00
for 230 ft. Joist,	2 30
for Lumber & labor to build Andrew bridge,	4 00
J. W. Hoyt,	5 87
	$98 93

Highway Orders.

Norman Hadley,	$2 70
Wm. Whittier,	2 10
James Buffum,	1 50
Peter S. Brailey,	1 50
Madison Haywood,	7 00
Henry P. Smith,	1 06
John P. Flanders, work on road,	4 90

R. P. Ford,	3 02
Greenleaf Stevens,	18 60
F. G. Dimond,	4 37
H. N. Bullard,	14 00
Greenleaf Stevens,	7 00
James Buffum,	2 70
	$70 45
Paid Chellis Emery 1874,	15 50
L. N. Cilley, "	9 80
J. K. Sherwell, "	10 00
I. N. Hobart, "	6 75
J. M. Hutchinson "	75
A. B. Martin, "	7 88
	$50 68

Paid on Notes.

Paid Betsey Lowell,	$29 12
Washington Whittier,	50 00
Eugene C. Wallace,	109 88
James A. Knowlton,	70 92
Candace P. Trussel,	310 97
Byron Martin,	221 01
	$791 90

School Money.

Paid District No. 1,	$63 12
2,	32 7
3,	55 60
4,	59 05
5,	31 03
6,	33 59
7,	60 19
Union District,	14 70
	$350 00

Literary Fund and Dog Tax.

Dist. No. 1,	$14 28	6,	8 33
2,	8 03	7,	14 28
3,	7 67	5, 1874,	2 48
4,	10 43		
5,	6 54		$72 04

Pauper Bills.

Harvey Martin,	$9 63
A. J. Derush,	37 03
James Tuttle,	36 96
John Stevens,	13 29
	$96 91

Abatements.

A. J. Derush, 1874,	$2 86
I. N. Ford, "	16 50
Simon Tuttle, "	2 89
David Morse, "	3 24
John Warren, 1875,	1 56
George Jones, "	1 45
Henry N. Eastman 1875, over tax,	5 00
R. P. Smith, " " "	2 17
J. C. Waldron, " " "	1 00
A. J. Derush, 1873,	3 33
	$40 00

Abatements of Non-Resident taxes.

Taxes 1871,	$83 33
Allowed A. B. Martin, Collector 1871 ,for advertising,	10 50
Heirs of John French, 1874,	7 81
Wm. B. Huse, 1875,	4 20
Robert Underhill, "	2 10
Isaac & John Bullock"	3 06
Wheeler Farm,	2 00
	$113 00

Town Officer's Bills.

Paid John H. French, services 1st Selectman,	$59 07
John W. Hoyt, " 2d "	49 24
Henry C. Kendall, " 3d "	39 11
John H. French, Treasurer,	10 00
John Fernald, Town Clerk,	10 00
Charles H. Ford, S. S. Committee,	20 00
H. G. Hadley, Auditor,	1 50
A. A. Stevens, "	1 50
Levi E. Flanders, "	1 50
E. C. Eastman, Collector,	35 00
	$226 92

Amount of Notes and Interest against the Town March 1st, 1876.

Washington Whittier,	$20 41
Harriet Ward,	64 82
Abel Ford,	298 82
Amanda M. Hadley,	116 64
John C. Waldron,	75 53
D. N. Ladd,	121 95
C. F. Trussell,	363 84
E. C. Wallace,	71 91
Samuel Hoyt,	260 69
A. A. Briggs,	114 27
Joseph Briggs,	599 91
Joseph Briggs,	567 42
C. W. Cook,	88 88
Washington Whittier,	1,075 84
Drew Hadley,	552 79
Edrick Shackford,	534 24
	$4,927 96

Availabilities.

Notes due the town from Adoniram Ford,	$109 03
" " " " " "	112 36
" " " " " "	112 36
James Morrill,	108 99
Daniel Sanborn,	89 89
E. C. Eastman,	109 00
Levi E. Flanders,	42 42
Nathaniel Whittier, 4th,	233 43
B. F. Andrew,	29 48
Due from County,	13 29
In hands of Collector for 1871,	8 89
" " " " 1874,	29 26
" " " " 1866,	5 00
" " " " 1865,	4 92
In hands of Collector, 1875,	541 64
" " Treasurer "	362 88
State Bonds,	2,000 00
Interest on Bonds,	20 00
	$3,932 84
Amount of Notes & Interest against the town,	$4,927 96
Availabilities due the trown,	3,932 84
Amount of Indebtedness,	995 12

H. G. HADLEY,
A. A. STEVENS,
LEVI E. FLANDERS. } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

District No. 1.

Prudential Committee, B. Frank Terrill. Teachers, Miss Ola M. Smith, Canaan, and Miss R. Belle Waldron, Orange.

Summer term.—Miss Smith is a young teacher of some experience, and at my visit the first of the term, I was well pleased with the school, and had confidence that the term would be a success, but owing to some dissatisfaction of the scholars and parents, the term closed rather abruptly, and therefore I did not make but one visit, so I shall not attempt to approve or disapprove of the whys and wherefores.

Winter term.—Miss Waldron is a teacher that gives general satisfaction, but owing to her being a native of the district, and having been a pupil in the school from her infancy, her employment as a teacher for this school, might have been considered as of doubtful expediency. But she labored hard to meet the demands of the scholars, and I think she acquitted herself with quite a successful term.

District No. 2.

Prudential Committe. Jesse Barney. Teacher, Miss Rosie B. Waldron, Orange. This term of school enjoyed a very good degree of prosperity under the charge of Miss Waldron. She having taught in this district before the parents felt confident of a profitable school, and the closing examination showed that their hopes and expectations had not been blasted, and I can say that those scholars who during the term attended school for the purpose to succeed, made commendable, and I may say praiseworthy progress.

District No. 3.

Prudential Committee, Dexter Whittier. Teachers, Mrs. Julia S. Hoyt, Orange, and Mr. Hubbard W. Aldrich, Canaan.

Summer term.—Mrs. Hoyt is an inexperienced teacher, and this school being in her district where she has formerly attended school, the scholars her former schoolmates, she also had the additional disadvantage of having some in the district who were opposed to her teaching this term. Yet she tried to labor for the good of the school, and I think she met with quite good success.

Winter term.—This was Mr. Aldrich's first experience as a teacher, but at my visit the first of the term, I was very well pleased with the interest he seemed to take in the school, order quite good. Not being notified of its close, I did not visit it but once, therefore am unable to judge of the improvement.

District No. 4.

Prudential Committee, Henry N. Bullard. Teachers, Florence L. Clough, and George A. Clough.

Summer term.—Under the care of Miss Clough made a fair degree of improvement. She gained the love and respect of her pupils and the good will of the parents. The government of the school was secured by a mild discipline and a pleasing manner, and I think she gave very good satisfaction.

Winter term.—Mr. Clough had charge of this school. I think he is a teacher well calculated to gain his scholars' affections, and his education sufficient to meet the demands of the school, but at my first visit I saw a lack of order and requested an improvement, but at the close of the term I saw no improvement in the order, yet there was some advancement made by the scholars in their studies, but not what there would have been if the discipline had been a little more thorough.

District No. 5.

Prudential Committee, Everett E. Wheeler. Teacher, Hittie G. Knight.

This is a small school, and but one term during the year, un-

der the instruction of Miss Knight. Order quite good. There were but five small scholars that attended this term, but they seemed to be interested in their studies and made some advancement in the branches taught.

District No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Arial B. Martin. Teacher, Miss Mary E. Heath.

This was Miss Heath's first term in this town and she showed by her energy that she earnestly labored to bring the school under her discipline. The school was very quiet and orderly. She won the love and respect of the scholars, as they seemed to know their business and to attend to the same. The term was a success

District No. 7.

Prudential Committee, George G. Virgin. Teachers, Miss R. B. Waldron, Orange, and Mr. Fred B. Clark, Canaan.

Summer term.—Miss Waldron was teacher of this term, and I think she tried hard to make this a successful school, and the improvement was quite good.

Winter term—This was Mr. Clark's first attempt at teaching and I had hopes that he would have good success, but at my first visit I saw that the order was poor and the scholars very restless and uneasy. I saw that unless he gave them to understand he was master, the school would not come up to the high standard it ought to. At my visit at the close of the term, found some improvement in the order, yet not as much as there ought to have been. There was some advancement made.

REMARKS.

A few general remarks may not be deemed inappropriate.

I have but a few suggestions to make at the close of this school year, but I will endeavor to present a correct statement of the condition of our schools. I have tried to do justice by all, without striving to gain the good or ill will of any, as in trying to please every one we can not please any one, even ourselves.

I am of the opinion that some of our schools have been very successful, and some almost a failure. As it is well known that some of our schools have not been as profitable as they ought to have been, owing to the incompetency of the teachers. In some cases I think order being the one great point in which they have failed, and others for the want of a little more thorough knowledge of what we term a good education. Yet I think in all cases there has been some advancement, and some very good improvement.

In two or three instances I see the teachers have adopted the custom of a general recess instead of the former practice of letting "the boys have a recess by themselves," and "the girls by themselves." It does not seem to be an improvement, but rather tends to impropriety.

Some districts have suffered from the seeming unavoidable employment of inexperienced teachers, who have not met the demands of the school in some cases. I hope and trust prudential committees will not in the future permit teachers to commence the duties of a term before receiving their certificates, as has been the case with several teachers the past year. I am sorry to say there is not as much interest manifested in school matters in this town as there should be. This lack of interest shows itself in the little care and attention parents show in selecting prudential committees, as it seems to be the prevailing opinion that any one is competent to select a teacher, and manage the school. Ought this to be the case? I leave it to you to decide. I am glad to be able to report the improvement of the school-house in district No. 2, by the addition of desks,

which are a decided improvement to the house, and what is more, the benefit and comfort it gives the scholars. It is now as comfortable as any in town.

The custom which prevails in our schools of a mixed series of text books is a great hindrance to the schools, besides being perplexing to teachers, but knowing the dislike of getting new books, I have neglected to insist upon the introduction of new books, though I think that it has been to the disadvantage of some of our schools.

I can see no improvement in the evils so common in our schools of tardiness and irregularity of attendance which are injurious to the schools. Habits of punctuality and regularity cannot be too highly esteemed in scholars.

In closing this report I would extend my thanks to the inhabitants of the town for the kind manner in which they have assisted me in my efforts for the welfare of the schools during the year.

CHARLES H. FORD, *S. S. Committee.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following scholars have not been absent or tardy during the terms named:

District No. 1, Summer term, Minnie H. Derushe; District No. 6, Winter term, Alberto H. Heath, Sidney R. Heath, Lettie J. Tinkham, Inize Flanders; District No. 7, Summer term, Ella D. Andrew, George M. Persons; Winter term, William E. Virgin, David A. Dimond, George M. Persons, Willie Dimond, Ella D. Andrew.

School Statistics.

No. of District.	Whole number of scholars in summer term.	Whole number of scholars in winter term.	Length of school in weeks	Average attendance.	No. attending to Reading.	No. attending to Spelling.	No. attending to Penmanship.	No. attending to Arithmetic.	No. attending to Geography.	No. attending to Grammar.	Wages of teacher, in summer per month.	Wages of teacher in winter per month.
1	20		5	16 8-9	20	20	9	11	5	2	12 00	
		26	10	22 3-8	26	26	13	21	7	3		20 00
2		15	11	11 1-9	15	14	2	9	3	4		15 36
3	6		7	5 4-9	6	6	5	4	0	0	15 00	
		10	10	8 2-5	9	10	7	7	1	2		20 00
4	15		5	9	15	15	3	12	4	3	18 00	
		17	13	11	16	16	15	17	4	7		21 00
5	5		13	4 4-7	5	5	5	4	1	1	12 22	
6		11	12 1-2	9 4-7	11	11	8	8	3	2		14 00
7	20		6	14 5-7	10	20	9	14	8	4	15 00	
		23	6	20 6-7	23	23	6	17	6	4		23 00

Number of days of school during the year, 498.

Number of times tardy 517. Number of days absent about 1,466.

Number of persons in town April 1st, 1875, between 5 and 16, 94.

" " Boys, " " " " " " 51.

" " Girls, " " " " " " 43.

Number of different scholars attending school during the year 105.

" " attending under five years of age 2.

" " " over sixteen " " 12.

" " male teachers employed 3.

" " female " " 6.

Amount received from State Literary Fund $39 56.

" raised by town for support of schools $350 00.

" received from Dog tax $30 00.

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